



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: DENNIS D. SHUMARD

Serial No.: 09/993,711

Filed: November 5, 2001

For: CONCENTRIC PIPE JOINT CONSTRAINT

Examiner: Giovanna M. Collins

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MS FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2003. This request, if granted, will extend the period for response until May 15, 2003, which does not exceed the six-month statutory period.

The extension fee of \$55.00 due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for a small entity is included in the check enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees in connection with this application, or deposit and overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2225.

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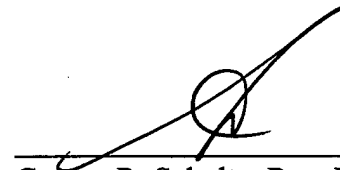
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: MAY 8 2003



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